



Rotary Club of Canterbury

President: Peter Hermitage
President Elect: Martin Ward

Programme for February 2016

- 2nd Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Ground, 12.30 for 1pm
Business Meeting
Stewards: Richard Kemball-Cook and Michael Leadbeater
- 9th Tuesday Evening meeting at the Cricket Ground, 7 for 7.30pm
Speaker: Ben Eddy – Prostate cancer and the East Kent Robotic Surgical Service
Stewards: Caroline Lees and Tony Loughran
- 16th Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: Gary Robinson – Microbial Technology
Stewards: David Lewis and Peer Le Fleming
- 23rd Tuesday Lunch meeting at the Cricket Club, 12.30 for 1pm
Speaker: Professor Jan Pahl the Canterbury Society
Stewards: Marjorie Lyle and Roger Power

Future Dates

- 1st March – Celebration of St David's Day
8th March – Celebration of St Patrick's Day
19th March – Top Choir Kent
11th April – Concert at Marlowe, including winners of Top Choir Kent
26th April – Celebration of St George's Day

Rotary News

Club Attendance

Attendance was 55.18% in November, and 62.9% in December.

Ken Beere

Any member planning to be away for more than three weeks should apply to the Secretary for Leave of Absence. If you are aware that a Rotarian or a member of his/her family is ill, then please let David Lewis know.

Martin Ward

Speakers' Secretary

Rtn Brian Wheeler has taken over as Speakers' Secretary. If you have any ideas for Speakers - you know someone who has done something Members would be interested in, or have heard of a worthwhile charity – please contact Brian **by email** to let him know.

International Committee

Good news from Leuven - they have received the grant from Rotary Foundation for the Joint Pentangular Project in the Republic of Congo. The money received is US\$ 56,828 and will go towards a scheme to train people in Kinshasa to make moulds to help straighten limbs of children with deformities such as club foot.

Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2015

Whilst I've been away, and having some fun
I've been writing some poems in the Spanish sun
Now I'm back, and it's time to share
the details of what I wrote whilst there
The first is October that has now been
Leaving behind its Halloween,
I read the birthdays for you from me
In this month, there are just three
The first one out for me to disperse
Is someone that regularly managed a nurse
Now retired with good repute
she is our very latest recruit
From the land of the dragon she has set the tones
to receive Birthday Greetings for **Wendy Jones**

The second in October travels a lot
to various places to find birds he can spot
That's the feathered kind of course I'm sure you're aware
Just making sure before his name I declare
He also loves tennis, and still likes to play
So without further ado **Alan Forrest** Happy Birthday

Where do I start with today's number three
She's involved in many things competently
If you're attending our meetings, and wanting to eat
You'd better make sure that her requests you will meet
Recently I'm sure that you will remember
Her coordination of detail for Manston in September
She works hard in the club and her time is well spent
And in 2 years' time she will be President
But for now I just want to say
Sharon Jordan Happy Birthday!

November is next to be on the spot
With its history of the Gunpowder plot
It also has birthdays for me to mix
For this month there are a total of six
The first of the names, who can it be
who communicates effectively with the use of I T
She joined our club in the year two o nine
Becoming our ladies' number four in the line
From this information I now wish to please
By saying Happy Birthday to **Caroline Lees**

The very next name that I draw down
Is a Building Society Manager in a distant town
At the time of the Duck Race his efforts are reborn
By organising selling at the crack of dawn
He attends our meetings whenever he can
If you haven't guessed his name yet it's **Tony Loughran**

Our next has two names by the side of each other
to be separated by a hyphen from one another
Before his retirement he worked out the amounts
to enable to correctly manage accounts
In his Rotary commitments it is important thus
to commend his involvement in Polio Plus
From this info he can't be mistook
It's Birthday time for **Richard Kemball-Cook**

My very next name is a Norfolk man
Guess his name if you can
but if you can't then just for you
I'll give you one more little clue
He used to play golf, and played a very good game

Now it's bowls, and his talents are the same
If you can't guess now then let me say
To **John Beckett** Happy Birthday

Next name on the list from which I glean
Is someone who enjoys the local Political scene
There are projects in which she takes the lead
Including redevelopment of the Kingsmead
with her editing background there could be no one better
for ensuring the upkeep of our Rotary Newsletter
Amongst all of this if time will provide
She enjoys playing tennis, and the Countryside
From this I'm sure there's no need to toil
To find the name of **Rosemary Doyle**

The next name I have kept until the last
Is a rhymer from the past
Birthdays for everyone he would remember
except for his own that falls in November
Now that he cannot wriggle free
From Birthday Greetings from you and me
Let us all now collectively Say Happy Birthday **Victor B**

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER 2015

The month of December and last of the year
Is one that brings us Seasonal cheer
It also has Birthdays for me to derive
and share with you this month's total of five

I look around who can this be
An engineer who worked at sea
Back on land a new role to create
He became a local Magistrate
In Rotary he ensures finances don't crash
by effectively managing all the Club's cash
Unfortunately his surname is difficult to rhyme
so **Lewis Norris** Happy Birthday to you at this time

December or décembre which one shall it be
I prefer December aujourd'hui
It's the 1st of the month that catches my eyes
Or is it mes yeux that the date belies
What is important for me to declare
Nan Miller Linguist Happy Birthday Joyeux Anniversaire

Due to work commitments sadly he can't attend very much
but always keeps in regular touch
His active commitment that does enhance

our Annual Pentangular twinning with France
He also ensures that we all have our copies
of the selling arrangements for Remembrance Poppies
At Safari supper if to his place you go
please ensure you have a map on show
In the meantime there's no more to say
except **Stephen Thompson** Happy Birthday

He recently shared with us his CV in life
which I sincerely hope he talked through with his wife
The presentation was amusing, and at times seemed absurd
but it was one of the best My Job talks I've ever heard
What was concluded was that he did well
by successfully managing a large Hotel
It's at this point I'll stop and tweeter
and say Happy Birthday **Michael Leadbeater**

If you blink once and open your eyes
He will appear and give us all a surprise
but blink again, and he'll be missed
our very elusive Psychiatrist
For a little while he comes and then he goes
but just where to no one knows
In his absence I'll say again
Happy Birthday **Farrukh Hussain**

I will now share with you also a Birthday I omitted in November
Tottenham Hotspur One Arsenal Nil
Is a score line that would not thrill
The next Rotarian to appear
when he gives us Christmas cheer
It's important to ensure that there are enough
flying balloons that he likes to puff
On the serious side for us to remember
Is that we have such a special Honorary member
I will now stop, and no longer drift on
and say Happy Birthday to **Lord Carey of Clifton**

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY 2016

January brings with it the snow
and the chilly winds that blow
It also has Birthdays for me to glean
I'll share with you the first 5 of two of sixteen

“Doctor, Doctor, I don’t feel well ,
the symptoms I’m experiencing are hard to tell”,
Doctor replied “Let me give you hope
I’ll just get out my stethoscope.
All seems well and nothing to fear
everything is functioning, both loud and clear”.
In Rotary he’s committed, the results we can see
from his excellent chair of Community,
This is a very good point for me to depart on
and say Happy Birthday to **David Barton**

The very next name for me to enlist,
is our very own eminent scientist ,
There’s one thing for sure he’ll never fail
in producing documents of intricate detail
He also ensures for many a week,
that all is available for visitors to speak
By doing this makes presentations more trendy
so Happy Birthday to **Robin Hendy**

My next is a Rotarian who spent
his working life in Agricultural Development,
After retirement new challenges to strive
he joined our club in two thousand and five
More recently ill health has kept him away
so from us to **Colin Mckone** it’s Happy Birthday

For January’s number four
is a nursing home proprietor
When she’s looking for nurses to recruit
there’s 3 in this club with good repute
Or maybe it’s a doctor she’s looking for
then she can select any from our group of four
Or maybe instead we will just say
Rosemarie Morton Happy Birthday

The last one from this New Year’s line
is someone who used to make good British wine
From the grapes that he had grown
in the fields round Harbledown
Sadly of late he has not been at all well
but Birthday Greetings I wish to tell,
So I’m sending them along the way
to our absent friend **Leonard Rea**